

Through the combined efforts of three little girls, the Misses Hoskins, Manton and Routh, a magic-lantern was purchased, which afforded ample amusement for the children during the winter months.

In order to lessen the expenditure, the managers resolved to apply to the Board of School Trustees for a teacher, which application was favorably received, and since January the new system has been successfully tried and adopted.

In parting with their late governess, Miss Hubbard, the ladies have much pleasure in testifying to her efficiency and fidelity in the discharge of her duties.

In the month of February, the Board of Management solicited His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne and H. R. H. the Princess Louise, to become Patrons of the Home, to which request they graciously assented, and promised to visit the institution when in this city.

The Orangemen of Toronto and its vicinity have continued to give substantial evidence of their undiminished interest in the Home, although the L. O. L. District of Barrie has withdrawn its support, owing, it is supposed, to the unwillingness of the managers to break one of their most stringent rules, the non-reception of any children but those of married parents.

While thanking the public and their friends generally for their liberal support, the Lady Managers feel that they are justified in making a special appeal on behalf of the Orphans' Home, which is, with the exception of some twenty children, entirely maintained by outside benevolence. Some similar institutions in the City are almost self-sustaining, a large portion of their revenue being derived from the payments required for the support of each child.

As in preceding years, the ladies have to thank Dr. Ogden for his unceasing care and attention to the inmates of the Home, who, under the Divine blessing, have been singularly free from illness; Mr. Huson Murray, the Solicitor, to whom they are greatly indebted for the judicious management of legal matters; Mr. Clarke, editor of the "Sentinel," for his continued liberality in the matter of printing—and kind friends who have each Sunday given their efficient aid in the religious instruction of the children.